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1. The amendment filed on 20 April 2009 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The Applicants' comments have been considered but have not been found to be persuasive. For upon the expiration of the Applicant's time period for further appeal, the Examiner converted the dependent claims in which the Board reversed the Examiner's rejection into independent form and cancelled all claims in which the Board affirmed the Examiner's rejection as per MPEP 1214.06. The Applicant is not entitled to the previously appealed dependent claims in which the Board affirmed the Examiner's rejection. For this reason, the proposed claim amendment will not be entered.

The Applicant's proposed claims rewrite previously appealed dependent claims 2-6, 8-11, and 13 as dependent claims 36-45. Claims 36-45 depend from claim 12. However, these dependent claims in combination with claim 12 were never previously considered. Likewise, proposed claims 46-53 rewrite previously appealed dependent claims 16-19, 22-24, and 27. Claims 46-53 depend from claim 21. These dependent claims in combination with claim 21 were never been previously considered. As such, the proposed claim amendment has further been disapproved.

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